

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising: ~~made up by~~

a ~~first~~ data storage apparatus for ~~supervising~~ storing data, wherein the data comprise thumbnail picture data, a thumbnail picture URL associated with the thumbnail picture data, a picture URL associated with the thumbnail picture URL, and picture data, wherein the thumbnail picture data is a reduced display of the picture data;

a ~~second~~ first viewing apparatus for ~~exploiting said~~ accessing the data stored in the data storage apparatus;[[, and]]

a second viewing apparatus;

a network;

a ~~third~~ connection apparatus for connecting ~~said second~~ the first viewing apparatus to ~~another~~ the second viewing apparatus over the network;[[,]] ~~said-information-processing-system-comprising~~

supplying means for supplying ~~[[said]]~~ the data from ~~said first~~ the data storage apparatus to ~~said second~~ the first viewing apparatus;

~~connecting means for connecting said second apparatus to said other apparatus over a network by said third apparatus; and~~

transmitting means for transmitting the data ~~supplied by said supplying means to~~
~~said second apparatus from said second~~ the first viewing apparatus, ~~connected by said~~
~~connecting means, to said other~~ to the second viewing apparatus over the network,
wherein,

the second viewing apparatus comprises acquiring means for acquiring, from the
data storage apparatus, the thumbnail picture data associated with the thumbnail
picture URL transmitted from the first viewing apparatus by the transmitting means
when the thumbnail picture URL is supplied by the supplying means and the thumbnail
picture URL is sent to the second viewing apparatus.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The information processing system according to claim
[[2]] 1, wherein ~~said second apparatus is supplied from said first apparatus with said first~~
~~URL and, in case said second picture data for~~ when enlarging [[a]] the thumbnail picture
data corresponding to said first URL has become necessary, said second the first
viewing apparatus sends ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL to ~~said first~~ the data
storage apparatus; ~~said second~~ the data storage apparatus acquiring ~~said second~~
supplies the picture URL[[,]] ~~returned from said first apparatus as being associated with~~
~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL to the first viewing apparatus; and said second the
first viewing apparatus acquires ~~further acquiring said second~~ the picture data
associated with the picture URL from ~~said first~~ the data storage apparatus ~~based on the~~
~~second URL acquired.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing system according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the data transmitted by ~~[[said]]~~ the transmitting means is sent to ~~said~~ other the second viewing apparatus through ~~said third~~ the connection apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
first thumbnail picture URL acquisition means for acquiring a first thumbnail picture URL associated with first thumbnail picture data supervised by stored in a first data storage apparatus;

~~connection~~ connecting means for connecting to a second viewing apparatus for exchanging data therewith;

first thumbnail picture URL supplying means for supplying ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~, obtained by ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~ acquisition means, to ~~said second the viewing~~ apparatus, connected by ~~[[said]]~~ the connecting means;

second thumbnail picture data acquisition means for acquiring the thumbnail picture data from ~~accessing said first the data storage~~ apparatus, based on ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~, obtained by ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~ acquisition means, ~~for acquiring said first picture data~~;

displaying means for displaying a thumbnail picture derived from ~~said first the thumbnail picture data~~ obtained by ~~said second the thumbnail picture data~~ acquisition means;

~~specifying~~ selecting means for ~~specifying said first~~ selecting with a cursor the thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~said the thumbnail picture data~~ of ~~[[said]]~~ the

thumbnail picture[[,]] from among said a plurality of thumbnail pictures ~~demonstrated on~~
~~said display~~ displayed by the displaying means, ~~on which a cursor is located~~; and

~~second supplying~~ transmitting means for ~~supplying said first~~ transmitting the
thumbnail picture URL, ~~specified by said specifying~~ selected by the selecting means, to
~~said second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by [[said]] the connecting means.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to
claim 6, further comprising:

verifying means for verifying whether ~~or not~~ a command has been issued for
enlarging the thumbnail picture derived from ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture data
associated with ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL ~~specified by said specifying~~
selected by the selecting means;

~~third acquisition~~ enlarging means for ~~transmitting~~ sending, ~~in case said~~ when the
verifying means has ~~determined~~ verified that the command has been issued for
enlarging [[said]] the thumbnail picture, ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL ~~specified by~~
~~said specifying~~ selected by the selecting means to ~~said first~~ the data storage apparatus,
for obtaining a ~~second~~ picture URL associated with ~~said first~~ thumbnail picture URL; and

~~third picture URL~~ supplying means for supplying ~~said second~~ the picture URL,
[[as]] obtained by ~~said third acquisition~~ the enlarging means, to ~~said second~~ the viewing
apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a connection to the viewing apparatus made by said connection ~~the connecting~~ means is via a ~~[[third]]~~ connection apparatus.

9. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein ~~said display~~ the displaying means ~~demonstrates~~ displays a thumbnail picture derived from ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture data acquired by ~~said second~~ the thumbnail picture data acquisition means, and further ~~demonstrates~~ displays the information for allowing a user to recognize a thumbnail picture ~~demonstrated~~ displayed on a display unit of ~~said second~~ the viewing apparatus

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising:
a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step of controlling the acquisition of a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~first~~ thumbnail picture data ~~supervised-~~ by stored in a ~~first~~ data storage apparatus;

a connecting step of providing for a connection to a ~~second~~ viewing apparatus for enabling data exchange therewith;

a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step for supplying ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step, to ~~said second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by processing ~~in said~~ of the connecting step;

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture data acquisition control step of accessing ~~said first~~ the data storage apparatus, based on ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL, obtained by

the processing of ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step, for controlling the acquisition of ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture data;

a display control step of controlling the display of a thumbnail picture derived from ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture data, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said second~~ the thumbnail picture data acquisition control step;

a ~~specifying~~ selecting step of ~~specifying said first~~ selecting with a cursor the thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~said first~~ the thumbnail picture data of the thumbnail picture, from among ~~said~~ a plurality of thumbnail pictures ~~display-controlled~~ displayed by the processing ~~by said~~ of the display control step, ~~on which a cursor is located~~; and

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step of supplying ~~said first~~ the thumbnail URL, ~~specified by said specifying~~ selected by the selecting step, to ~~said second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by the processing of ~~said~~ the connecting step.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording~~ computer-readable medium having ~~recorded thereon~~ a ~~computer-readable~~ computer program for executing an information processing method, ~~said computer-readable program including~~ the method comprising:

a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step of controlling the acquisition of a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~first~~ thumbnail picture data ~~supervised~~ by stored in a first data storage apparatus;

a connecting step of providing for a connection to a ~~second~~ viewing apparatus for enabling data exchange therewith;

a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step for supplying ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture URL, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step, to ~~said-second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by processing in ~~said~~ of the connecting step;

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture data acquisition control step of accessing ~~said-first~~ the data storage apparatus, based on ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture URL, obtained by the processing of ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step, for controlling the acquisition of ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture data;

a display control step of controlling the display of a thumbnail picture derived from ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture data, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said-second~~ the thumbnail picture data acquisition control step;

a ~~specifying~~ selecting step of ~~specifying~~ ~~said-first~~ selecting with a cursor the thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail picture data of the thumbnail picture, from among ~~said~~ a plurality of thumbnail pictures ~~display-controlled~~ displayed by the processing by ~~said~~ of the display control step, ~~on which a cursor is located~~; and

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step of supplying ~~said-first~~ the thumbnail URL, ~~specified by said specifying~~ selected by the selecting step, to ~~said-second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by the processing of ~~said~~ the connecting step.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program on a computer-readable medium for ~~having a computer execute~~ executing an information processing method, the method comprising:

a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL acquisition control step of controlling the acquisition of a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~first~~ thumbnail picture data ~~supervised by stored in a first data storage apparatus;~~

a connecting step of providing for a connection to a ~~second~~ viewing apparatus for enabling data exchange therewith;

a ~~first~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step for supplying ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~ acquisition control step, to ~~said second the viewing~~ apparatus, connected by processing in ~~said~~ of the connecting step;

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture data acquisition control step of accessing ~~said first the data storage~~ apparatus, based on ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~, obtained by the processing of ~~said first the thumbnail picture URL~~ acquisition control step, for controlling the acquisition of ~~said first the thumbnail~~ picture data;

a display control step of controlling the display of a thumbnail picture derived from ~~said first the thumbnail~~ picture data, the acquisition of which has been controlled by the processing of ~~said second the thumbnail picture data~~ acquisition control step;

a ~~specifying~~ selecting step of ~~specifying said first~~ selecting with a cursor the thumbnail picture URL associated with ~~said first the thumbnail~~ picture data of the thumbnail picture, from among ~~said a plurality of thumbnail pictures display-controlled displayed~~ by the processing ~~by said~~ of the display control step, ~~on which a cursor is located;~~ and

a ~~second~~ thumbnail picture URL supplying step of supplying ~~said first~~ the
thumbnail URL, ~~specified by said specifying~~ selected by the selecting step, to ~~said-~~
~~second~~ the viewing apparatus, connected by the processing of ~~said~~ the connecting step.